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SUBJECT: ELECTRICAL WORKERS UNION CALLS
OFF STRIKE

REF: SAN JOSE 3550 AND 3556.

1. AN ELECTRICAL WORKERS UNION (SITET)
SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON,
OCTOBER 4, THAT ITS STRIKE AGAINST ICE
DECLARED OCTOBER 3 HAD BEEN CALLED OFF AND
WORKERS ORDERED BACK TO THEIR JOBS. SITET
HAS ALSO CONVOKED AN EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY
OF ITS MEMBERS FOR THIS EVENING, OCTOBER 5,
TO DECIDE WHAT TACK THE UNION SHOULD FOLLOW
NEXT.

2. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION DURING AN
INTERVIEW WITH A REPORTER OCTOBER 4,
PRESIDENT FIGUERES REPORTEDLY DECLARED THE
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GOVERNMENT HAD NO RPT NO EVIDENCE

OF INTERVENTION BY OUTSIDE COUNTRIES IN
THE EVENTS OF OCTOBER 3. NOR DID
THE PRESIDENT ALLEGE OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE
IN THE SITET/ICE STRIKE IN HIS TWO SPEECHES
ON OCTOBER 3.

3. COMMENT: THE STRIKE ATTRACTED A FEW WORKERS
AND HAD NO EFFECT WHATSOEVER ON ICE'S
ELECTRICAL POWER AND TELEPHONE SERVICES.
MOREOVER, SITET LEADERS WERE CHAGRINED
AT HAVING APPEALED FOR SYMPATHY FROM OUTSIDE
UNIONS AT A TIME THEIR OWN MEMBERS DID NOT
HAVE THE STOMACH FOR A STRIKE. NOW SITET LEADERS
WHO HAVE EMERGED FROM HIDING, HAVE SEIZED UPON THE
EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY AS FACE-SAVING WAY FOR THE UNION
TO WITHDRAW FROM THE STRIKE.
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